U.S. National Phase Application of PCT/US04/001624
Preliminary Amendment

REMARKS

This application is a U.S. national phase application, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §371, of PCT international application Ser. No. PCT/AU04/001624 filed November 22, 2004, designating the United States and published in English on June 2, 2005 as publication WO 2005/049009 A1, which claims priority to Australian application Ser. Nos. 2003906456, filed November 21, 2003, and 2003906823, filed December 9, 2003. Page 1 of the specification has been amended to reflect this information.

Claims 26, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 64, 67, 69, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79 and 80 have been amended and claims 2-25, 27-52, and 54 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Accordingly, claims 1, 26, 53, 55-80 will be pending in the application upon entry of the amendments presented herein.

Cancellation and amendment of the claims were done solely to remove multiple claim dependencies in order to reduce the extra claim fees, to correct typographical errors and/or to otherwise expedite prosecution of the application. No new matter has been added. Applicant hereby reserves to pursue the claims as originally filed in this or one or more subsequence patent applications.

Applicants respectfully request early examination on the merits and allowance of the application with all claims presented herein. If a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in

condition for allowance.

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